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SUBJ: TELEPHONIC PRESS CONFERENCE BY MEMBER OF POLAND'S
"WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE" ON EVE DE GUIRINGAUD'S
WARSAW VISIT

1. AFP REPORTS TELEPHONIC PRESS CONFERENCE BY JACEK
HURON OF POLISH "WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE" IN WARSAW,
WITH GROUP OF PARIS JOURNALISTS ASSEMBLED YESTERDAY BY
"FRENCH SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE WITH POLISH WORKERS."

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2. HURON TOLD LISTENERS THAT 1100 WORKERS FROM URSUS
TRACTOR FACTORY HAD SIGNED LETTER DEMANDING COMPLETE
AMNESTY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNE '76 MANIFESTATIONS;
THAT RECENT PARTIAL AMNESTY WAS ONLY FIRST STEP; AND
THAT "WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE," WHICH DOES NOT CON-
SIDER ITSELF TO BE A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, WOULD GO
OUT OF BUSINESS ONCE 32 PERSONS STILL IMPRISONED ARE

RELEASED.

3. A DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED AT PRESS CONFERENCE, DATE-LINED WARSAW AND PREPARED BY "WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE," FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT 22 RELEASES OBTAINED SO FAR HAD BEEN GRANTED UNDER "HUMILIATING AND DISTURBING" CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE POLISH SUPREME COURT ONLY PARDONED THOSE WHO REPENTED AND PROMISED NEVER TO DO SO AGAIN.

4. COMMENT: PRESS CONFERENCE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH CURRENT WARSAW VISIT OF FONMIN DE GUIRINGAUD TO PUT BY NOW RITUAL FRENCH EMPHASIS ON SPECIAL CHARACTER FRANCE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH POLAND IN PERSPECTIVE.

5. WE WERE FURTHER INTRIGUED, IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONNECTION, WITH FIRST PRESS REPORTS OF DE GUIRINGAUD'S REPLY TO POLISH TOAST AT WARSAW DINNER, AS REPORTED AFP, IN WHICH HE IS SAID TO HAVE PLACED HEAVY EMPHASIS ON HUMAN ASPECTS OF DETENTE, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING NOT JUST MATTER OF STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS. DETENTE CANNOT IGNORE PEOPLE, OR REST ON THEIR SILENCE." IT IMPLIES, HE CONTINUED, THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF MEETINGS, CONTACTS, AND EXCHANGES OF ALL SORTS. "IT ALSO IMPLIES RESPECT FOR THE CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE BLOSSOMING OF THE HUMAN PERSONALITY AND THE EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHTS."

6. AFTER CRASS HANDLING OF AMALRIK AFFAIR BY ELYSEE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WOULD SEEM QUAI IS NOW CONSCIOUSLY TRYING TO BALANCE RECORD, IN FIRST INSTANCE VIS-A-VIS THOSE IN EASTERN EUROPE WHO MIGHT EITHER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF, OR ALTERNATIVELY, BE DISAPPOINTED BY RECENT GOF DOWNPLAYING OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES--AND PERHAPS ALSO WITH AN EYE TO MEETING CRITICISM IN US. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY WARSAW'S IMPRESSIONS OF POLISH AND FRENCH TREATMENT THESE THEMES.
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